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Lt. Governor Peter Kinder names Billy Patty of Wentzville as Senior Service Award Winner

Award recognizes volunteer work by Missouri Seniors

JEFFERSON CITY – Missouri Lt. Governor Peter Kinder today announced 35 winners of the Lieutenant Governor’s Senior Service Award, including Billy Patty of Wentzville.

Lt. Governor Kinder presented the awards today (May 8) at a luncheon for the winners and their guests outside his office in the Capitol. Patty was nominated by Rep. Chuck Gatschenberger of Lake St. Louis.

Patty has helped operate a mission outpost and food pantry at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in St. Louis’s inner city since 1977.

“They provide food and necessities to the city’s underprivileged and homeless on a daily basis,” Gatschenberger said in his nomination. “He also always enthusiastically volunteers for his local Knights of Columbus events.”

The pantry has grown significantly with Patty’s help. Besides food, clothing and furniture, it offers eye care, utility assistance and computer training. The volunteer staff has grown to about 30, serving 3,000 low-income and homeless people.

Lt. Governor Kinder presented Patty with an official declaration and a Senior Service Award lapel pin at a ceremony in the Capitol.

“Billy Patty sets an example for all Missourians with his kindness and willingness to serve the underprivileged and homeless of St. Louis,” Kinder said. “His selfless service is an inspiration to all who know him.”

Kinder this year received more than 150 nominations for the Senior Service Award, naming 34 winners representing the state’s 34 Senate Districts and one at-large winner. Patty won in District 2.